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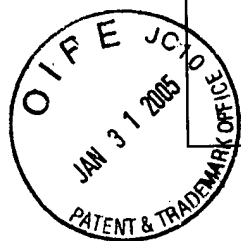
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Dear Sir:

AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Responsive to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed January 24, 2005,
Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are represented by the listing of claims which begins on
page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 49 of this paper.